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SUBJECT: MENTION OF RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS FROM AKROTIRI

SBA IN GREEK PRESS

REF: THESSALONIKI 287

1. GREEK AND TURKISH REPORTS REFERRED TO BY THESSALONIKI APPEAR ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE. UK DEFENSE SECRETARY ROY MASON, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, TOLD HOUSE OF COMMONS APRIL 30: "FOR SOME MONTHS WE HAVE ALLOWED LIMITED USE OF FACILITIES AT RAF AKROTIRI BY UNITED STATES AIRCRAFT IN THE INTERESTS OF PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO EXTEND THE USE OF THESE FACILITIES TO OTHER UNITED STATES FORCES."

2. THIS REPORT WAS CONFIRMED BY DENKTASH AS REPORTED BY BBC MAY 5 WHICH SAID: "DENKTASH CONFIRMED THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION HAD PERMITTED U.S. SPY PLANES TO REFUEL AT BRITISH BASES ON THE ISLAND AND SAID; 'THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL

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A NEW INTRIGUE BY MAKARIOS, WHO PRESENTS HIMSELF AS NON-

ALIGNED TO THE AFRO-ASIAN WORLD."

3. COMMENT: SO FAR AT LEAST, BRITISH ARE NOT FEELING ANY PRESSURE. THEY ASSUME PEOPLE INVOLVED RECOGNIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE REPORTS AND MIDDLE EAST PEACEKEEPING.

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